



## **2022/23 Hong Kong Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1)**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Saturday)

**Time:** 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Details per attached schedule)

**Venue:** Open Water Swimming along the Dam of the Plover Cove Reservoir,  
Tai Mei Tuk, Tai Po, Hong Kong

### **Group & Event:**

Event No.	Gender	Distance (approx.)	Group	Age	Quota#
1	Male	5 km	Open Group	Age 14 or above	24
2	Female				24

(Age is calculated as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022)

# If there is any remaining quota in a gender, it will be allocated to the other gender event.

### **5 km Event Entry Eligibilities:**

1. 2022/23 HKGSA Registered Swimmer (SW or MS)
2. Age 14 or above (Age is calculated as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022); And
3. Physically Fit; And
4. Provide qualified records obtained from any 800m or 1500m swimming competitions organized or sanctioned by HKGSA in swimming pool setting from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022, with the result achieving a minimum of 70 points in LC/SC Swimming Point Score; And
5. Participated in open water swimming competition or open water swimming training before; And
6. Able to swim over the required distance of the proposed event; And
7. Declaration of Responsibility is required for all swimmers. Guardian's signature is required for swimmers under 18.

### **Entry Priority:**

1<sup>st</sup> Priority – Participated 10km events in both 2019 Hong Kong Marathon Swimming cum Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) 2019/20 – 10 Km event.

#### **AND**

2021 Hong Kong Marathon Swimming cum Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) 2021/22 – 10 Km event.

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority - Only Participated 10km events in 2021 Hong Kong Marathon Swimming cum Open Water Swimming Competition Series (Part 1) 2021/22 – 10 Km event.

Remain Quota (if any) by draw



**Format:** Timed-final shall apply. Ranking will be determined by the positions and time that swimmers achieved.

**Entry Fee: 5 km Event:**  
HK\$100 / Entry

**Entry & Registration Deadline** **30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m.**  
- Entries later than 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 **will not be accepted.**

**Awards:** Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the first 3 places of Male and Female swimmers in each Group.

**Reporting Time & Competition Route:** See attached Timetable and Competition Route Map.

**Regulations:**

1. FINA rules and HKGSA rules will apply.
2. Swimmers must wear swimming caps provided by the HKGSA during the competition.
3. Swimmer **MUST** present a valid Race Card issued by the HKGSA at the Registration Counter / Area at the Competition Venue.
4. Swimmers who cannot show the Race Card will not be allowed to race.
5. Swimmers **MUST** report to the Recording Centre immediately after the race to get the Race Card back.
6. Official may request swimmers to **leave water** if swimmers are unable to finish the race within the time as follows:

For 5 km event: **15 minutes from the finish time of the first swimmer (Male and Female group separate to count the finish time)**

These swimmers **MUST** also report to the Recording Center and get the Race Card back.

7. Swimmers are prohibited from using any device that may be an aid to their speed or endurance.
8. HKGSA has its sole discretion to reject any entry.
9. In case of Swimmer Club transfer, the 'HKGSA Transfer Rule' will apply.
10. HKGSA has the final decision over all matters not assigned by the rules.
11. For the Swimwear requirements please refer to FINA Rules By Law (BL 8).

**For 5 km event:**

- With water temperature below 18°C, the use of wetsuits is mandatory.
- With water temperature between 18°C and 20°C, wetsuits are optional.
- With water temperature over 20°C, wetsuits are not allowed.



**Race Card & Swim Cap:** Race Card will be issued after completion of application procedure. HKGSA Affiliated Clubs can pick up the Race Card at HKGSA office. Swimmer must submit the Race Card to the Recording Center on the competition day. Swim cap will be given after reporting on the competition day and swimmers must report to the Finishing Centre for getting the Race Card back after the race.

**Belongings:** Swimmers may store their belongings at the "Personal Belongings" in the Venue. However, HKGSA will not be responsible for any loss whatsoever incurred at the venue or during the competition.

**Safety:**

- 1) Safety boats and/or canoes shall patrol along the competition route.
- 2) If participants not feeling well during the race, **please raise hand and call for help immediately.**

**Responsibility:** HKGSA shall try our best to ensure the safety of all swimmers during the competition. However, HKGSA and its officials will not be responsible for any injuries and accidents incurred during the competition for whatsoever reasons.

**Special Arrangement:**

- 1) The Competition will be cancelled for any of the following conditions:
  - a. Typhoon Signal No. 3 or above; OR Red or black rainstorm signal; OR the sight of red tide, Shark flag or red flag is hoisted at the venue, hoisted before **8:00 a.m.** on the competition date
  - b. If any issues affected by COVID-19, event will be cancelled and the announcement will be made at the HKGSA website. Please refer to the HKGSA website.
- 2) The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre and LCSD Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre has fully implemented the Vaccine Pass arrangement following the requirement launched by the government. For details of the vaccination requirements, please refer to the website of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre ((<https://tmt.hkfyg.org.hk/>) or LCSD website (<https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/index.html>))



**Remarks:** Hong Kong China Swimming Association would disclose participants' information in all materials, including but not limited to Competition Programmes and Results issued from time to time.

**Entry Procedures:**

- **Through HKGSA Affiliated Clubs**

Clubs may submit the Master Entry Forms as usual, together with duly signed Declaration Form by each participant.

Incomplete form and Declaration will not be accepted and fee paid is not refundable.

Entry fee in crossed-cheque be made payable to "HKGSA", with club's name and contact telephone no. at the back of the cheque. **Cash will not be accepted.**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

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